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## **WEATHERIZATION “RECOVERY” WORK TO BEGIN IN MIDDLE TENNESSEE** *LOCAL LICENSED CONTRACTORS INVITED TO BID ON ARRA/STIMULUS WORK*

**WHAT:** The Tennessee Department of Human Services has begun posting the first Weatherization/Recovery jobs in the state. The Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency, serving Wilson, Sumner, Williamson, Robertson, Trousdale, Rutherford and Cheatham Counties, has performed energy audits on nearly two dozen homes in recent weeks. Now licensed, certified contractors can bid on the projects. It's all part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to make homes of eligible families more energy efficient and put Tennesseans back to work.

Tennessee is being awarded \$99 million for the home energy efficiency program and is working with its network of 18 community and government agency partners to perform the Weatherization work. DHS has also teamed up with the Tennessee Valley Authority to expand the pool of Weatherization workers by providing federally-approved training to energy auditors and licensed contractors. That training continues through the end of the month.

**WHEN:** Jobs will be posted for 10 days only

**WHERE:** [www.tn.gov/wap](http://www.tn.gov/wap) (to view available jobs by county) &  
Mid-Cumberland Community Action Agency (to bid on jobs and apply for services)  
233 Legend Street / Suite 103  
Lebanon, TN  
615-742-1113

**MORE:** A change in program eligibility from 125% to 200% of poverty opens the program up to many more Tennesseans. Priority will still be given to the elderly, disabled and families with children under the age of 6-years old.

The Tennessee Department of Human Services administers the Weatherization program through a network of 18 local agencies. To learn more about the program, to apply for the program or to work on jobs in your community, please find local agency contact information at the following link [www.tn.gov/wap](http://www.tn.gov/wap).

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